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When providing information to a prescribed agency under Ch16A you MUST not disclose the mandatory reporter's details OR witnesses to the child at risk event. This information must be removed (blackened out) as such information could endanger the child if the documents are publicly subpoenaed.

Response to Chapter 16A request – agree

Our ref: <no>

Your ref: <no>

Date: <date>

Ryan KIDDLE
Manager
Disability Trust – Sport & Recreation Services

Dear Ryan

Re: Request for release of information under Chapter 16A of the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998*

I refer to your email dated 22 August 2012 in which you sought information from the New South Wales Police Force under Chapter 16A of the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998* (the Act) relating to the child CIE born REDACTED 1996.

Section 245D of the Act allows a prescribed body to request another prescribed body to provide information they hold that relates to the safety, welfare or wellbeing of a particular child or young person or class of children or young persons. Section 245C allows a prescribed body to provide information.

The New South Wales police Force is releasing the information contained in this letter on the basis that there is a lawful reason to do so, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 16A.

On the 17 April 2012 Royce COMBER attended a pre-arranged appointment at Nowra Police Station, along with his Legal Representative, Mark DOUGLAS. Mr DOUGLAS informed Wollongong JIRT Investigator's that Mr COMBER would not be participating in a formal interview; however he would agree to hear the allegations.

Police informed Mr COMBER of the allegations made by the child, CIE, as well as disclosures made to his mother. Mr COMBER refused to comment on the allegations.

Mr COMBER was also informed that there was insufficient evidence to proceed criminally at this time, although he may be spoken to at a later date.

Wollongong JIRT (FaCS) informed Mr COMBER that they had substantiated the matter and he would be listed as a 'Person causing harm' on the FaCS database.

The information has been released to you in good faith to assist you to promote the safety, welfare or well-being of the relevant child/ren.

Should you decide, in accordance with Chapter 16A, to provide some or all of this information, either on your own motion or in response to a request, the information can only be shared on a confidential basis in accordance with the processes and principles of Chapter 16A.

If you require further information or wish to discuss the matter, please contact Detective Sergeant Shannon SPARGO on REDACTED during business hours.

I trust this information will be of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Shannon SPARGO
Wollongong JIRT

Enclosed: Requested information